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SUBJ: PATTERSON CASE: QUESTIONING OF USG EMPLOYEES BY
MEXICAN AUTHORITIES

- 1. IN ITS CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF THE PATTERSON KIDNAPPING/MURDER, GOM AUTHORITIES ARE PRESENTLY EXPLORING SCOPE OF CASE WHICH MIGHT BE MADE AGAINST BOBBY JOE KEESEE IN MEXICO.
- 2. PURSUANT TO ABOVE, MEXICAN INVESTIGATOR IN HERMOSILLO HAS CONDUCTED IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW OF FSL LUIS SANCHEZ DE TAGLE AND WISHES TO HAVE SIGNED STATEMENT FROM HIM. (CONSUL GENERAL HAS REQUESTED DELAY ON STATEMENT WHILE SEEKING GUIDANCE.)
- 3. EMBASSY AND CG ANTICIPATE THAT GOM WILL WISH TO OBTAIN FURTHER STATEMENTS FROM OTHER FSL'S EMPLOYED BY CONSULATE GENERAL. WE BELIEVE GOM WILL ALSO REQUEST STATEMENT FROM CONSUL LOUIS VILLALOVOS AND POSSIBLY FROM OTHER U.S. CITIZEN EMPLOYEES.
- 4. EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT IN INTERESTS OF USG TO COOPERATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN

INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT CASE.

5. REQUEST SOONEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON EXTENT TO WHICH CONSULATE GENERAL EMPLOYEES, USC'S AND FSL'S, SHOULD COOPERATE WITH GOM, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS SIGNED STATEMENTS OR DEPOSITIONS. PLEASE ADVISE WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC CONSTRAINTS ON SUCH COOPERATION AND ON ASPECTS OF COOPERATION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION.

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